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Dear Sir:

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Thank you for your appearance at the Aug. 3, 1983 hearing on Raoul Wallenberg and PL 97-54, before Chairman Yatron of the House Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations. I'm writing in behalf of the Wallenberg Committee of Greater Philadelphia to let you know that the various organizations working to free Wallenberg which offered testimony at the same hearing, met after the hearing and agreed that your testimony was unacceptable. This is to briefly explain the problem and recommend a solution.

The more than 20 different international Wallenberg organizations have one goal: to free Wallenberg — that is, to repatriate him to Sweden and reunite him with his family. Your written statement ("the pressure we are exerting is such that he would eventually be released and returned to freedom," at p. 40 of the printed hearing) does state this as a goal of the Department of State, but without the necessary emphasis. And this is the problem, that instead of concentrating on freeing Wallenberg and taking action that could accomplish this, the Department of State at the policy level talks about "appropriate opportunity to make our concern known," "accounting of the fate," "tell us what has happened," "where he is," "the information we want," "full clarification of Wallenberg's fate," "a complete and renewed search and a full report on this case," "the answers that we seek," "our continued dedication to finding out the truth," "to obtain an accounting," "discovery of the whereabouts," "confirm any of the reports," "continue to express concern," "some

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information on Wallenberg," "finally have the record clear," "What we want to know is the truth. What happened?" and "admit what did happen" (pp. 35-44 of the printed hearing). All this the Wallenberg organizations consider worthless, and worse, a distraction and diversion from the urgent need to free Wallenberg, who became 71 in August 1983.

When Wallenberg is free he can furnish his own accounting or information or full report; as you said, "The official Soviet explanations of what happened to Wallenberg have been inconsistent and incomplete." In fact they have been mutually contradictory and contradicted by eyewitness and other reliable testimony. Nobody needs yet another series of lies from the Soviets, which cannot help free Wallenberg.

What can help free Wallenberg is the Department of State's making it a priority to free Wallenberg by frequent, regular, and repeated public humanitarian appeals and other pressures combined with prisoner exchange and perhaps material exchange negotiations as discussed in the attached material; and the Department of State's support for and implementation of the proposed presidential directive (pp. 24-25 of the printed hearing).

We also will offer this letter and attachments to Senate and House members, other U.S. officials, and the Wallenberg and other private organizations. Please let us know if we can be of service to you or your staff in any way. Thank you for your attention.

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